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raphy is taught in Vassar, Hamilton, Rochester, Wesleyan, and North Carolina. Leland Stanford, Jr., has a course in topographic geology, and Oberlin a course in quaternary geology. At Amherst the subject is briefly treated with historical geology and at Colgate seminary and field courses are given in the history of topography and in glacial geology.

Prof. Brigham quotes with approval the statement that systematic study of topography is largely American, and for the reason that the broad object lessons of the Appalachians and of the West gave our scholars the opportunity and the stimulus to lead in such researches.

The statement may or may not be correct, but the reason assigned for it will not bear examination. America is not the only country which offers broad object lessons in topography.

*Annuaire Géologique et Minéralogique de la Russie, rédigé par N. Krichtafovitch, Vol. I, livr. I (première moitié). 4to. Varsovie, 1896.*

This is the French title of a publication in two languages (Russian and French, or Russian and German), issued as an experiment by the editor, who resides at Novo-Alexandria (Government of Lublin) and has his printing done at Warsaw.

The purpose of the *Annuaire* is to furnish a clear and concise account of every new work on the geology and mineralogy of Russia. The volume for 1896 will consist of about 480 pages, and the second section will be exclusively dedicated to the literature of 1895. Besides notices of 182 books and articles, the present number contains memoirs and original notes and news of scientific expeditions and journeys.

The subscription to the *Annuaire* for 1896 (2 livraisons) is, for the countries of the Postal Union, 12 francs.

*Staten Island Names. Ye Olde Names and Nicknames. By William T. Davis, with Maps by Charles W. Leng. Published by the Natural Science Association, New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y. Price Fifty Cents. The Standard Press: New Brighton, N. Y., 1896. 8vo.*

The object of this publication is to record the once well-known names of Staten Island, now mostly forgotten.

The list is not supposed to be complete, though the author has searched through many documents and has gathered information from the inhabitants in his rambles through the island. Even if